

MINUTES

**Committee on Stormwater/CSO
Wednesday, February 4, 1998 -- 11:30 a.m.
Tenth Floor Conference Room
Lansing City Hall**

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 11:35 a.m. by Councilmember Leeman.

Roll Call

Councilmember Harold Leeman, Chair
Councilmember Louis H. Adado, Vice Chair
Councilmember Michael Murphy, Member

Others Present

Doug Rubley, Finance
Michael Navabi, Public Service Director
Greg Koessel, Internal Auditor
Jim Spangler, Public Service Department
Robert Clegg, Public Service Department
Robert Rose, Public Service Department
Chad Gamble, Public Service Department
Jack Jordan, Law Department
Ron Wilson, Council Staff
Tina Gallante, Council Staff

Public Comment on Agenda Items

Public comment was taken at the time of the agenda item.

DISCUSSION/ACTION

General Discussion Regarding Appeal Process

Mr. Gamble began by referring to the information he prepared entitled the Stormwater Committee Appeal Information Packet. The packet includes the Stormwater Ordinance itself which includes the process for an appeal; the Public Service Department's analysis; the letters sent to the claimants relative to the appeal process; and data from the past two years on the appeals.

He then outlined the following data:

1995

1043 appeals overall
250 submitted to General Services

1996

458 appeals overall
58 pending before this Committee

He went on to report that there have been, over the past two years, guidelines from the law department concerning the credit situation. He also reviewed the policy established that if an individual is currently paying on a special assessment, i.e., for curb and gutter or street repair, the Stormwater Fee will be forgiven during the time the special assessment is being paid. The second portion of the memorandum contains the Definitions of Credits established for the Stormwater Enterprise Fund. The Committee reviewed the criteria.

The Committee engaged in a lengthy discussion relative to the history of the Stormwater Fund and the ordinance. Mr. Gamble strongly recommended that the members review the ordinance as it applies to the appeal process. They also reviewed the history of the past claims. Additional time was spent on agricultural versus commercial versus residential properties.

The Committee decided to start hearing claims on February 25, 1998.

OTHER

CDM Contract

Mr. Rubley reviewed the contract the City now has with CDM on the Stormwater Enterprise Fund. They are asking for an additional scope of services for public relation reasons. They want to hold approximately 50 public hearing meetings to explain to the public what is going on with the project and where it is headed. They want to amend the contract in order to provide kits for the public and Council and to review the kits with the Councilmembers so they can be better informed when answering constituent calls.

Councilmember Murphy questioned the role of Kolt and Serkaian plays in the Stormwater Fund. Mr. Rubley responded that Kolt and Serkaian keeps independent of this issue due to the perception the public may have with them.

The Committee reviewed more of the details of the amendment and was not too favorable of it. They suggested it be referred to the Ways and Means Committee for their recommendation.

COUNCILMEMBER ADADO MOVED TO REFER THIS MATTER TO THE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FOR ACTION. MOTION CARRIED, 3-0.

Mr. Rubley indicated he would ensure that Committee was aware of the details.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Submitted by,

Tina M. Gallante
Administrative Secretary
Lansing City Council

Approved by Committee.

Signed by: Harold J. Leeman
Harold Leeman, Chair

Appropriate documents attached to original set of minutes.